



## **National Response Plan and National Incident Management System Review and Revision Process Stakeholder Meetings Monday, November 6, 2006**

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### **Initial NRP/NIMS Work Group Recommendations**

Note: Throughout Phases 1 and 2 of the review process, work groups may expand, sub-groups may be created, or additional groups may be established. Some of these groups will be activated in phases based on policy decisions or recommendations from other work groups or the Task Force.

#### **Roles and Responsibilities Work Group**

This group will examine any recommendations pertaining to roles and responsibilities of individual positions, groups or multi-agency coordinating structures within the NRP. Specific examples include:

- Clarify Roles and Responsibilities of Key Structures/Positions/Levels of Government and NIMS roles (e.g., PFO/FCO)
- Strengthen the role of States and the Private Sector under the NRP
- Review the role of DOD in catastrophic incidents
- Review public safety and security roles and missions
- Define the role of the Domestic Readiness Group

Proposed Work Group Participants: Task Force members, Private Sector, State/local/tribal

#### **Command and Control Work Group**

This work group will integrate NIMS concepts and principles into the NRP's command, control, and coordination structure. This will require an examination of the existing JFO structure and operations. Specific examples include:

- Determine whether principles and positions are adequately defined
- Determine the need for additional coordination positions or entities

Proposed Work Group Participants: Participation will be dependent on the findings of the Roles and Responsibilities Work Group and the review of the NIMS.

#### **Communications Work Group**

This group will review communications strategies and systems and examine information-sharing mechanisms within the NRP to ensure maximum effectiveness of the Nation's communications system and public messaging. The group will not only ensure consistency between the NRP and the new National Emergency Communications Strategy, but will review possible ways to strengthen the Public Affairs Annex. This group will also work closely with the Functions Work Group on the review of ESF #15 - External Affairs.

Proposed Work Group Participants: DHS, DOD, NCS, Private Sector, State/local/tribal

### **Functions Work Group**

This group will review all of the major operational and support functions within the NRP and conduct a succinct review of all ESF, Support and Incident Annexes. The group will review the primary, supporting or cooperating agencies for all annexes and, based on policy decisions and recommendations from other work groups, modify annexes to reflect overarching changes to NRP structures. Other issues to address include the potential incorporation of companion animal issues and a review of the search and rescue function in the NRP to make it more expansive.

Proposed Work Group Participants: ESFLG, DHS, DOD, Private Sector, State/local/tribal

### **International Support Work Group**

This group will examine international coordination activities and mechanisms in support of the Federal government's response to an incident. This will require the examination of international support mechanisms, particularly those associated with international assistance to include personnel, teams, equipment, supplies and cash donations, and issues regarding affected foreign nationals.

Proposed Work Group Participants: ARC, DHS, DOD, DOS, HHS, USAID/OFDA, USDA, Private Sector, State/local/tribal

### **Volunteer and Donations Management Work Group**

This group will examine the coordination process to identify and accept donated goods. In particular, the group will examine the Volunteer and Donations Management Support Annex to ensure that coordination mechanisms are adequate and clear.

Proposed Work Group Participants: ARC, CNCS, DHS, DOS, NVOAD, Private Sector, State/local/tribal

### **Catastrophic Planning Work Group**

This group will review the concepts and principles of the Catastrophic Incident Annex and Supplement and will ensure that the NRP adequately incorporates proactive planning for incidents that render State and local governments incapable of an effective response.

Proposed Work Group Participants: ARC, DHS, DOD, DOE, DOT, EPA, HHS, USDA, VA, Private Sector, State/local/tribal